

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all the claims in the instant application, as filed, is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested. No amendments to the claims or specification are being made in this response. Claims 1-3, 6-16 and 19-28 are pending, Claims 4, 5, 17 and 18 were previously canceled, and Claims 29-59 are withdrawn.

In the present Official Action, Claims 1-3, 6-16 and 19-28, which are present in the above-captioned application, have been subjected to a species restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 16-13, drawn to a method of making a SiC layer;
and
- II. Claims 14-16 and 19-28, drawn to a method of making a SiGeC layer.

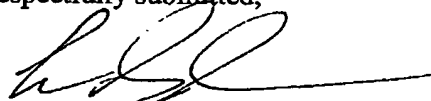
As indicated, and in order to be fully responsive to the species restriction requirement imposed in the present Official Action, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species wherein the method is used in forming a SiGeC layer.

Applicants understand that under 37 C.F.R. §1.146 they are entitled to examination in this application of additional species mentioned in this application upon finding that the species elected herein is held allowable.

As further required by the instant Official Action, applicants submit that Claims 14-16 and 19-28 read upon the elected species.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the species restriction requirement and provide an action on the merits with respect to all the species present in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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